

In the Claims:

The text of all pending claims 18-25 is set forth below. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. Please CANCEL claims 1-17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please ADD claims 18-25 in accordance with the following:

Claims 1-17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (new). A roof for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a substantially flexible roof part that is collapsible in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle;

a first transverse hoop and a second transverse hoop for supporting the substantially flexible roof part, the first transverse hoop positioned substantially at a first end of the roof and the second transverse hoop positioned substantially at a second end of the roof;

at least one transverse hoop positioned between the first and second transverse hoops and providing at least some support for the substantially flexible roof part, the first and second transverse hoops and the at least one transverse hoop each lying in succession over a longitudinal center plane of the vehicle;

at least one longitudinal guiding projection connectable to the at least one transverse hoop; and

at least one longitudinal guiding aid connectable to the at least one transverse hoop, wherein

the longitudinal guiding aid of one transverse hoop connects to the longitudinal guiding projection of another transverse hoop, and

the at least one longitudinal guiding aid and the at least one longitudinal guiding projection connectable to the at least one transverse hoop lie parallel and adjacent to each other along a horizontal plane in the vehicle longitudinal direction.

Claim 19 (new). The roof as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:

a first engaging part positioned substantially on the at least one longitudinal guiding projection; and

a second engaging part positioned substantially on the at least one longitudinal guiding aid, wherein the first engaging part and the second engaging part engages to allow the at least one longitudinal guiding projection and the at least one longitudinal guiding aid to move relative to an engaging position of the at least one longitudinal guiding projection and the at least one longitudinal guiding aid.

Claim 20 (new). The roof as claimed in claim 19, wherein the at least one longitudinal guiding projection and the at least one longitudinal guiding aid are capable of engaging when the roof is in a substantially opened and substantially closed position.

Claim 21 (new). The roof as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:

a slidable lattice grate positioned along the vehicle longitudinal center plane and lying in the horizontal plane of the flexible roof part, the slidable lattice grate including a plurality of swivel axes allowing the slidable lattice grate to swivel.

Claim 22 (new). The roof as claimed in claim 21, further comprising a driving unit for moving the slidable lattice grate.

Claim 23 (new). The roof as claimed in claim 22, wherein the slidable lattice grate provides a movement of the flexible roof part independently of the at least one longitudinal guiding projection and the at least one longitudinal guiding aid.

Claim 24 (new). The roof as claimed in claim 21, wherein the at least one longitudinal guiding projection and the at least one longitudinal guiding aid are provided on opposite sides of

the slidable lattice grate.

Claim 25 (new). The roof as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:
a roof section positioned substantially to the second end of the roof, the roof section

capable of being positioned into a body of the vehicle when the flexible roof part is
collapsed.